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AUSTRALASIAN STATISTICS, 1874.—GENERAL SUMMARY.

Name of Colony.	Area in Square Miles.	Year.	Population. ¹	Births.	Deaths.	Marriages.	Immigrants.	Emigrants.	Public Revenue. ²		Public Expenditure. ²	Public Debt on the 31st December.	Imports.	Exports.	Shipping Inwards and Outwards.		Miles of Railway open on the 31st December.	Miles of Telegraph open on the 31st December. ³	Crown Lands.	
									Total.	Proportion raised by Taxation.					Vessels.	Tons.			Granted and Sold to the 31st December.	Amount realized to the 31st December.
									£	£	£	£	£	£					acres.	£
Victoria ...	88,198	1873	790,492	28,100	11,501	4,974	29,460	26,294	3,644,135	1,784,056	3,504,953	12,445,722	16,533,856	15,302,454	4,413	1,519,015	458	3,159½	9,401,050 ⁴	16,207,095
		1874	808,437	26,800	12,222	4,925	30,732	27,365	4,106,790	1,896,842	4,177,338	13,990,553	16,953,985	15,441,109	4,222	1,569,619	605	3,387½	9,932,633 ⁴	16,786,146
New South Wales ...	325,000	1873	560,275	21,444	7,611	4,384	24,022	16,770	3,324,713	1,382,752	2,333,166	10,842,415	11,088,388	11,815,829	4,373	1,762,478	401	6,521	14,066,133	7,421,203
		1874	584,278	22,178	8,652	4,343	29,756	19,279	3,509,966	1,217,401	2,939,227	10,516,371	11,293,739 ⁵	12,345,603 ⁵	4,385	1,990,894	401½	7,449	16,357,033	8,532,244
Queensland ...	678,600	1873	146,690	5,720	2,250	1,354	15,141	5,474	1,120,034	546,732	956,335	4,786,850	2,885,499	3,542,513	1,151	352,524	218	3,059	1,350,538	1,669,369
		1874	163,517	6,376	2,789	1,337	20,725	7,794	1,160,947	552,758	1,121,710	5,253,286	2,962,439	4,106,462	1,370	572,750	249	3,616	1,368,470 ⁴	1,708,945
South Australia ...	914,730	1873	198,075	7,107	2,631	1,562	4,548	3,172	937,648	362,246	839,152	2,174,900	3,841,100	4,587,859	1,531	515,640	202	3,807	5,369,634	5,878,569
		1874	204,623	7,696	3,434	1,611	5,557	3,271	1,003,820	370,440	1,051,622	2,989,750	3,983,290	4,402,855	1,440	534,550	234	3,900	5,712,773	6,084,069
Western Australia ...	978,299	1873	25,761	809	418	161	285	639	134,832	71,625	114,270	35,000	297,328	265,217	287	140,237	30	900	1,806,643	*
		1874	26,209	876	487	181	660	601	148,073	82,275	143,266	119,000	364,263	428,837	297	132,827	38	763	1,823,799	*
Total ...	2,984,827	1873	1,721,293	63,180	24,411	12,435	73,456	52,349	9,161,362	4,147,411	7,747,876	30,284,887	34,646,171	35,513,872	11,755	4,289,894	1,309	17,446½	31,993,998	*
		1874	1,787,064	63,926	27,584	12,397	87,430	58,310	9,929,596	4,119,716	9,433,163	32,868,960	35,557,716	36,724,866	11,714	4,800,640	1,527½	19,115½	35,194,708	*
Tasmania ...	26,215	1873	104,217	3,048	1,504	659	6,787	7,039	293,753	178,942	299,995	1,477,600	1,107,167	893,556	1,342	238,112	45	291	3,905,485	1,507,652
		1874	104,176	3,097	1,689	712	6,265	7,714	327,925	215,233	374,078	1,476,700	1,257,785	925,325	1,227	239,507	45	291	3,982,003	1,593,401
New Zealand ...	105,000	1873	295,946	11,222	3,647	2,276	13,572	4,761	2,776,388	1,055,296	2,119,524	10,913,936	6,464,687	5,610,371	1,443	571,144	145	2,389	16,526,789	*
		1874	341,860	12,844	4,161	2,828	43,965	5,859	*	*	*	* ⁶	8,121,812	5,251,269	1,678	784,829	209	2,632	17,414,169	*
Grand Total ...	3,116,042	1873	2,121,456	77,450	29,562	15,370	93,815	64,149	12,231,503	5,381,649	10,167,395	42,676,423	42,218,025	42,017,799	14,540	5,099,150	1,499	20,126½	52,426,272	*
		1874	2,233,100	79,867	33,434	15,937	137,660	71,883	*	*	*	*	44,937,313	42,901,460	14,619	5,824,976	1,781½	22,038½	56,590,880	*

Name of Colony.			AGRICULTURE.																LIVE STOCK.							
			Year.	Total Cultivation.	Wheat.		Oats.		Barley.		Maize.		Other Cereals. ⁷		Potatoes.		Hay.		Vines.		Green Forage. ⁸	Other Tillage. ⁹	Horses.	Cattle.	Sheep.	Pigs.
				Acres.	Acres.	Bushels.	Acres.	Bushels.	Acres.	Bushels.	Acres.	Bushels.	Acres.	Bushels.	Acres.	Tons.	Acres.	Tons.	Acres.	Wine, Gallons.	Acres.	Acres.				
Victoria ...	1873	964,996	349,976	4,752,289	110,991	1,741,451	25,333	502,601	1,959	40,347	14,951	207,020	38,349	109,822	115,672	147,398	5,222	562,713	213,069	89,474	180,342	883,763	11,323,080	160,336		
	1874	1,011,776	332,936	4,850,165	114,921	2,121,612	29,505	619,896	1,523	24,263	17,266	333,002	35,183	124,310	119,031	157,261	4,937	577,493	254,329	102,145	180,254	958,658	11,221,036	137,941		
New South Wales ...	1873	456,825	166,647	2,238,414	16,173	302,600	3,559	66,225	116,141	4,120,112	1,607	25,191	14,212	42,281	70,701	108,945	4,526	575,985	36,399	26,860	328,014	2,710,374	19,928,590	238,342		
	1874	464,957	166,912	2,148,394	17,973	293,135	3,984	69,053	118,437	3,618,436	1,351	20,997	13,604	38,564	68,088	93,440	4,308	684,258	40,589	29,711	346,691	2,856,699	22,872,882	219,958		
Queensland ¹⁰ ...	1873	64,218	3,554	82,381	353	7,060	588	11,760	21,140	845,600	178	3,560	3,069	6,138	5,772	11,544	364	41,479	1,894	27,306	99,243	1,343,093	7,268,946	42,884		
	1874	64,218	3,554	82,381	353	7,060	588	11,760	21,140	845,600	178	3,560	3,069	6,138	5,772	11,544	364	41,479	1,894	27,306	99,243	1,343,093	7,268,946	42,884		
South Australia ...	1873	1,225,073	784,784	6,178,816	2,011	21,337	11,827	126,398	...	...	...	...	3,813	13,014	142,167	145,389	5,217	733,478	27,469	247,785	87,455	174,381	5,617,419	87,336
	1874	1,330,484	839,638	9,862,693	2,785	40,701	13,724	208,373	...	...	...	...	4,582	17,046	160,931	202,934	5,051	648,186	27,076	276,697	93,122	185,342	6,120,211	78,019
Western Australia ...	1873	51,724	25,697	345,368	1,474	28,330	5,083	87,529	113	2,110	1,475	18,243	473	1,263	15,941	31,882	775	*	...	693	26,290	47,640	748,536	20,948		
	1874	45,292	23,427	281,124	1,067	17,072	4,702	75,232	88	1,320	1,022	10,220	329	987	13,366	20,049	779	*	...	512	26,636	46,748	777,861	13,290		
Total ...	1873	2,762,836	1,330,658	13,597,268	131,002	2,100,778	46,390	794,513	139,353	5,008,169	18,211	254,014	59,916	172,518	350,253	445,158	16,104	*	278,831	392,118	721,344	5,159,251	44,886,571	549,846		
	1874	2,916,727	1,366,467	17,224,757	137,099	2,479,580	52,503	984,314	141,188	4,489,619	19,817	367,779	56,767	187,045	367,188	485,228	15,439	*	323,888	436,371	745,946	5,390,540	48,260,936	492,092		
Tasmania ...	1873	167,931	58,610	947,813	26,750	561,247	6,440	124,459	...	...	...	...	7,910	24,970	26,406	28,430	...	...	1,565	40,250	22,612	106,308	1,490,746	59,628
	1874	326,486	57,633	1,066,861	32,704	877,243	5,129	125,469	...	...	5,714	112,342	6,978	26,169	30,486	41,144	...	...	94,234	93,608	23,208	110,450	1,714,168 ¹¹	51,468
New Zealand ...	1873	376,156 ¹²	132,428	3,391,634	110,472	3,292,807	22,124	606,492	1,253	18,795	5,000	75,000	11,617	51,758	43,616	62,187	...	...	25,515	24,131	99,261	494,113	11,674,863	123,741
	1874	549,844 ¹²	105,674	2,974,339	157,545	5,548,729	16,236	477,162	... ¹³	...	...¹³	...	12,154	63,685	62,216	52,202	...	...	...¹⁴	196,019	99,261	494,113	11,674,863	123,741
Grand Total ...	1873	3,306,923	1,521,696	17,936,715	268,224	5,954,832	74,954	1,525,464	140,606	5,026,964	23,211	329,014	79,443	249,246	420,275	535,775	16,104	*	305,911	456,499	843,217	5,759,672	58,052,180	733,215		
	1874	3,793,057	1,529,774	21,265,957	327,348	8,905,552	73,868	1,586,945	141,188	4,489,619	25,531	480,121	75,899	276,899	459,890	578,574	15,439	*	418,122	725,998	868,415	5,995,103	61,649,967	667,301		

* Where asterisks occur, the information has not been furnished, or is incomplete.

¹ For information respecting the Population of two of the colonies to 30th June 1875, see footnotes to Table I., *post*.
² The Revenue and Expenditure of Victoria are for the years ended 30th June 1873 and 1874; those for the other colonies are for the same years ended 31st December.
³ This column should contain statements of the number of miles of telegraph line open in the respective colonies. It is pretty certain, however, that some of the colonies return the number of miles of wire instead. The latter is always much greater than the number of miles of line. See footnote (1) to Table VIII., *post*.
⁴ Not including the land of which the purchase was not completed. See footnote (1) to Table IX., *post*.
⁵ It is officially stated that the values here given of imports to and exports from New South Wales in 1874 are, to a small extent, below the truth.
⁶ The returns of the Public Debt of New Zealand for 1874, as well as those of the Revenue and Expenditure of the same year, have not been received. According, however, to the published Financial Statement of the Hon. Major Atkinson, Colonial Treasurer of that colony, the net Public Debt, on the 30th June 1875, was £16,596,459. See Tables IV. and V. *post*.

⁷ Including beans and peas.
⁸ Including permanent artificial grass, covering the following areas in the colonies named:—Victoria, 238,043 acres; New South Wales, 33,208 acres; South Australia, 19,260 acres; Tasmania, 93,176 acres.
⁹ Including the following areas lying fallow in the colonies named:—Victoria, 77,912 acres; South Australia, 264,327 acres; Tasmania, 22,512 acres.
¹⁰ The Queensland returns of live stock and agriculture for 1874 being incomplete, the figures for 1873 have been repeated.
¹¹ Not including sheep on islands in Bass's Straits, of which, on the 31st March 1874, there were returned 10,785.
¹² In the New Zealand returns, the land under permanent artificial grass, which in other colonies is classed with green forage, is not considered as under cultivation. It amounted in 1873 to 1,107,116 acres, and in 1874 to 1,393,823 acres.
¹³ In the returns of New Zealand for 1874, the acreage under maize and other cereals is included under the head of "Other Tillage."
¹⁴ In the returns of New Zealand for 1874 the acreage under green forage is included in the amounts set down in the columns for "Hay" and "Other Tillage."

INTRODUCTORY REPORT.

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNMENT STATIST,
Melbourne, 1st October 1875.

SIR,

In continuation of the Australasian Statistics presented to Parliament last year, I have the honor to forward herewith a series of tables embodying information, brought down to the end of 1874, relating to the five colonies upon this continent and to Tasmania and New Zealand.

2. These tables, as in the case of those for 1873, have been compiled from materials received direct from the other colonies, in compliance with the request of, and on forms sent to each colony by, the Government of Victoria. These forms the respective Governments were, upon the present occasion, requested to cause to be filled up and returned, if possible, by the 30th June.

3. Several of the colonies, with due punctuality, returned the forms properly filled at the appointed time, but in the case of others considerable delay took place. In more than one instance the document was sent in deficient in some important particular, and detention occurred whilst this was being supplied. It is only within the last few days that the materials have been so far perfected as to enable me to make up the tables for publication, and even now the information is not quite complete.*

4. Being strongly impressed with the feeling that the interest and utility of statistical information of this character is materially added to by its early publication, I trust I shall not be considered as going beyond my province in respectfully urging that, if it be considered advisable to continue the publication of these statistics in future years, steps may be taken to impress upon the other colonies the desirability of making an effort to supply the information at an earlier period.

5. In the Introductory Report which I prefixed to the former issue of the Australasian Statistics I suggested the desirability of the heads of the Statistical departments of all the colonies in the group meeting in conference, for the purpose of agreeing upon a scheme for the compilation of their statistical records upon a uniform system. Such a conference, as you are aware—attended, however, by representatives of only four of the colonies—took place in Tasmania in February last, the Government Statist of this colony being the representative of Victoria. The result of the deliberations of this conference have been already laid before Parliament. It was decided that

* Some figures were received whilst this return was passing through the press and have been entered in the tables. The most important statements still missing are those of the Revenue, Expenditure, and Public Debt of New Zealand.

its recommendations should come into force from the beginning of next year; if these are faithfully carried out in the colonies represented at the conference, and adopted also, as it is to be hoped they will be, in the non-represented colonies, the supplying of such particulars as are required for the preparation of these statistics, or of such other ordinary information as the respective Governments might desire at any time to obtain or mutually to interchange, should be a much simpler matter than it has hitherto been.

6. The large summary sheet which precedes this Report contains particulars for the two years in respect to which these statistics have been obtained. The subsequent tables in no way differ in form from those published in the Australasian Statistics of last year.

7. The contents of the whole of the tables are replete with interest, and will no doubt receive that attention which their importance merits.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

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Government Statist.

The Honorable the Chief Secretary.

AUSTRALASIAN STATISTICS, 1874.

TABLE I.—POPULATION, 1874.

Name of Colony.	Area in Square Miles.	On the 31st December.							Estimated Mean Population of the Year.		
		Estimated Population.			Number of—		Persons to the Square Mile.	Males.	Females.	Total.	
		Males.	Females.	Total.	Males to 100 Females.	Females to 100 Males.					
Victoria	88,198	439,159	369,278	808,437 ¹	118·92	84·09	9·166	434,073	364,615	798,688	
New South Wales ..	325,000	321,447	262,831	584,278	122·30	81·76	1·798	314,388	257,889	572,277	
Queensland	678,600	97,860	65,657	163,517	149·05	67·09	·241	92,507	62,597	155,104	
South Australia ..	914,730	104,870	99,753	204,623 ²	105·13	95·12	·224	103,205	98,144	201,349	
Western Australia ..	978,299	15,722	10,487	26,209	149·92	66·70	·027	15,646	10,339	25,985	
Total	2,984,827	979,058	808,006	1,787,064	121·17	82·53	·599	959,819	793,584	1,753,403	
Tasmania	26,215	55,117	49,059	104,176	112·35	89·01	3·974	55,243	48,954	104,197	
New Zealand	105,000	194,349	147,511	341,860	131·75	75·90	3·256	182,378	136,525	318,903	
Grand Total ..	3,116,042	1,228,524	1,004,576	2,233,100	122·29	81·77	·717	1,197,440	979,063	2,176,503	

¹ On the 30th June 1875 the Population of Victoria was estimated as follows :—Males, 441,742; Females, 371,846; Total, 813,588.
² On the 30th June 1875 the Population of South Australia was estimated as follows :—Males, 105,746; Females, 100,730; Total, 206,476.

TABLE II.—BIRTHS, DEATHS, AND MARRIAGES, 1874.

Name of Colony.			Births of—			Deaths of—			Marriages	Per 1000 of Mean Popu- lation—Number of—			Excess of Births over Deaths.		Males to 100 Females.	
			Males.	Females	Total.	Males.	Females	Total.		Births.	Deaths.	Marriages	Numerical	Per cent.	Born.	Died.
Victoria .. ..	..	..	13,659	13,141	26,800	6,994	5,228	12,222	4,925	33·56	15·30	6·17	14,578	119·28	103·94	133·78
New South Wales ..	..	..	11,323	10,855	22,178	5,022	3,630	8,652	4,343	38·75	15·12	7·59	13,526	156·33	104·31	138·35
Queensland .. ..	..	..	3,277	3,099	6,376	1,773	1,016	2,789	1,337	41·11	17·98	8·62	3,587	128·61	105·74	174·51
South Australia ..	..	..	3,913	3,783	7,696	1,912	1,522	3,434	1,611	38·22	17·05	8·00	4,262	124·11	103·44	125·62
Western Australia ..	..	..	445	431	876	324	163	487	181	33·71	18·74	6·96	389	79·88	103·25	198·77
Total			32,617	31,309	63,926	16,025	11,559	27,584	12,397	36·46	15·73	7·07	36,342	131·75	104·18	138·64
Tasmania .. ..	..	..	1,601	1,496	3,097	1,022	667	1,689	712	29·72	16·21	6·83	1,408	83·36	107·02	153·22
New Zealand .. ..	..	..	6,634	6,210	12,844	2,366	1,795	4,161	2,828	40·27	13·05	8·87	8,683	208·68	106·83	131·81
Grand Total ..			40,852	39,015	79,867	19,413	14,021	33,434	15,937	36·70	15·36	7·32	46,433	138·88	104·71	138·46

TABLE III.—IMMIGRATION AND EMIGRATION, 1874.

Name of Colony.	Number of Immigrants.									Number of Emigrants.			Excess of Immigrants over Emigrants.			Excess of Emigrants over Immigrants.		
	Assisted and Free.			Unassisted.			Total.			Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.									
Victoria	64	85	149	21,812	8,771	30,583	21,876	8,856	30,732	19,424	7,941	27,365	2,452	915	3,367	..	..	..
New South Wales ..	536	544	1,080	21,845	6,831	28,676	22,381	7,375	29,756	14,564	4,715	19,279	7,817	2,660	10,477	..	..	..
Queensland	5,148	3,729	8,877	10,084	1,764	11,848	15,232	5,493	20,725	6,335	1,459	7,794	8,897	4,034	12,931	..	..	..
South Australia ..	1,192	960	2,152	2,363	1,042	3,405	3,555	2,002	5,557	2,226	1,045	3,271	1,329	957	2,286	..	..	..
Western Australia ..	..	..	..	481	179	660	481	179	660	449	152	601	32	27	59	..	..	..
Total	6,940	5,318	12,258	56,585	18,587	75,172	63,525	23,905	87,430	42,998	15,312	58,310	20,527	8,593	29,120	..	..	..
Tasmania ¹	10	8	18	4,274	1,973	6,247	4,284	1,981	6,265	5,106	2,608	7,714	..	..	..	822	627	1,449
New Zealand	17,569	14,549	32,118	8,261	3,586	11,847	25,830	18,135	43,965	4,367	1,492	5,859	21,463	16,643	38,106	..	..	..
Grand Total ..	24,519	19,875	44,394	69,120	24,146	93,266	93,639	44,021	137,660	52,471	19,412	71,883	41,168 ²	24,609 ²	65,777 ²	..	..	..

¹ The sex was not distinguished in the case of 182 children arriving in and 386 departing from Tasmania. These have been equally divided between the male and female columns.
² These are the net figures.
NOTE.—The Immigration and Emigration in this table is by sea. No official account is, or can be, taken of the number of persons going overland from one colony to another.

TABLE IV.—PUBLIC REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE, 1874.

Name of Colony.	Date on which Financial Year terminates.	Public Revenue.			Public Expenditure.	Per Head of Mean Population.*		
		Raised by Taxation. ¹	Not raised by Taxation.	Total.		Taxation.	Total Revenue.	Expenditure.
		£	£	£		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Victoria ...	30th June ³	1,896,842	2,209,948	4,106,790	4,177,338	2 8 0 ³ / ₄	5 4 0 ¹ / ₂	5 5 10
New South Wales ...	31st Dec.	1,217,401	2,292,565	3,509,966	2,939,227	2 2 6 ¹ / ₂	6 2 8	5 2 8 ³ / ₄
Queensland ...	31st Dec.	552,758	608,189	1,160,947	1,121,710	3 11 3 ¹ / ₄	7 9 8 ¹ / ₂	7 4 7 ³ / ₄
South Australia ...	31st Dec.	370,440	633,380	1,003,820	1,051,622	1 16 9 ¹ / ₂	4 19 8 ¹ / ₂	5 4 5 ¹ / ₂
Western Australia ...	31st Dec.	82,275	65,798	148,073	143,266	3 3 4	5 13 11 ¹ / ₂	5 10 3 ¹ / ₄
Total ...	...	4,119,716	5,809,880	9,929,596	9,433,163	2 7 3	5 13 10 ¹ / ₄	5 8 2
Tasmania ...	31st Dec.	215,233	112,692	327,925	374,078	2 1 3 ³ / ₄	3 2 11 ¹ / ₄	3 11 9 ¹ / ₂
New Zealand (1873 ⁴) ...	31st Dec.	1,055,296	1,721,092	2,776,388	2,119,524	3 13 4 ¹ / ₄	9 12 11 ³ / ₄	7 7 3 ³ / ₄
Grand Total ...	...	5,390,245	7,643,664	13,033,909	11,926,765	2 10 5 ¹ / ₂	6 2 0 ¹ / ₂	5 11 8

¹ The amounts in this column are made up of Customs duties, exclusive of duties on the export of gold, drawbacks, &c.; also of excise duties, including licenses imposed for revenue purposes; stamps, other than those for fees of office; legacy, succession, and probate duties; property or income taxes; and any other impost, payable to the General Government, levied distinctly as a tax; but excluding fees, charges, and licenses for special services rendered.

² In calculating these amounts, the average population of Victoria during the year ended 30th June 1874 (789,438) has been taken. For the other colonies, excepting New Zealand, the mean populations shown in the last column of Table I. have been used. For New Zealand, the mean population of 1873 (287,753) has been used.

³ The returns for Victoria during the year ended 30th June 1875 are, approximately, as follows:—Mean population, 806,760. Revenue raised by taxation, £1,723,886; Revenue not so raised, £2,408,232; Total revenue, £4,132,118. Expenditure, £4,325,277. Taxation per head, £2 2s 8¹/₄d. Revenue per head, £5 2s. 5¹/₄d. Expenditure per head, £5 7s. 2³/₄d.

⁴ The returns for 1874 have not been received.

TABLE V.—PUBLIC DEBT, 1874.

Name of Colony.	On the 31st December.	
	Total Amount of Public Debt.	Indebtedness per Head of Population. ¹
	£	£ s. d.
Victoria ...	13,990,553	17 6 1 ¹ / ₄
New South Wales ...	10,516,371	17 19 11 ³ / ₄
Queensland ...	5,253,286	32 2 6 ¹ / ₂
South Australia ...	2,989,750	14 12 2 ³ / ₄
Western Australia ...	119,000	4 10 9 ³ / ₄
Total ...	32,868,960	18 7 10 ¹ / ₄
Tasmania ...	1,476,700	14 3 6
New Zealand (1873 ²) ...	10,913,936	36 17 6 ³ / ₄
Grand Total ...	45,259,596	20 13 10 ¹ / ₄

¹ For the figures of population on 31st December 1874, by means of which these calculations for all the colonies except New Zealand were made, see Table I., ante. The calculation for New Zealand was made by means of the population at the end of 1873 (295,946).

² The returns for 1874 have not been received. According, however, to the published financial statement of the Hon. Major Atkinson, Colonial Treasurer of New Zealand, the "Net Public Debt" on 30th June 1875 was £16,596,459. The estimated population at that date is not given.

TABLE VI.—IMPORTS AND EXPORTS, 1874.

Name of Colony.	Total Value of—			Value per Head of Mean Population of—		
	Imports.	Exports.	Both.	Imports.	Exports.	Both.
	£	£	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Victoria ...	16,953,985	15,441,109	32,395,094	21 4 6 ¹ / ₂	19 6 8	40 11 2 ¹ / ₂
New South Wales ...	11,293,739 ¹	12,345,603 ¹	23,639,342	19 14 8 ¹ / ₄	21 11 5 ¹ / ₂	41 6 1 ³ / ₄
Queensland ...	2,962,439	4,106,462	7,068,901	19 2 0	26 9 6 ¹ / ₄	45 11 6
South Australia ...	3,983,290	4,402,855	8,386,145	19 15 8	21 17 4	41 13 0
Western Australia ...	364,263	428,837	793,100	14 0 4 ¹ / ₄	16 10 0 ³ / ₄	30 10 5 ¹ / ₄
Total ...	35,557,716	36,724,866	72,282,582	20 5 7	20 18 10 ³ / ₄	41 4 5 ³ / ₄
Tasmania ...	1,257,785	925,325	2,183,110	12 1 5	8 17 7 ¹ / ₄	20 19 0 ¹ / ₂
New Zealand ...	8,121,812	5,251,269	13,373,081	25 9 4 ¹ / ₄	16 9 4	41 18 8 ¹ / ₄
Grand Total ...	44,937,313	42,901,460	87,838,773	20 12 11 ¹ / ₄	19 14 2 ³ / ₄	40 7 1 ³ / ₄

¹ It has been officially explained that, in consequence of the returns of the New South Wales overland trade not having been made up for the entire year, these figures, to a small extent, understate the truth.

TABLE VII.—SHIPPING, 1874.

Name of Colony.	Inwards.		Outwards.		Total.	
	Vessels.	Tons.	Vessels.	Tons.	Vessels.	Tons.
Victoria ...	2,100	777,110	2,122	792,509	4,222	1,569,619
New South Wales ...	2,217	1,016,369	2,168	974,525	4,385	1,990,894
Queensland ...	713	302,825	657	269,925	1,370	572,750
South Australia ...	720	265,899	720	268,651	1,440	534,550
Western Australia ...	144	65,351	153	67,476	297	132,827
Total ...	5,894	2,427,554	5,820	2,373,086	11,714	4,800,640
Tasmania ...	607	119,706	620	119,801	1,227	239,507
New Zealand ...	856	399,296	822	385,533	1,678	784,829
Grand Total ...	7,357	2,946,556	7,262	2,878,420	14,619	5,824,976

TABLE VIII.—RAILWAYS AND ELECTRIC TELEGRAPHS, 1874.

Name of Colony.	On the 31st December.					
	Number of Miles of Railway.			Number of Miles of Electric Telegraph.		
	Open	In course of Construction.	Total.	Open. ¹	In course of Construction. ¹	Total.
Victoria ...	605	65	670	3,387½	...	3,387½
New South Wales ...	401½	285¾	687¼	7,449	426	7,875
Queensland ...	249	106	355	3,616	616	4,232
South Australia ...	234	142	376	3,900	990	4,890
Western Australia ...	38	35	73	763	850	1,613
Total ...	1,527½	633¾	2,161¼	19,115½	2,882	21,997½
Tasmania ...	45	121 ²	166	291	205	496
New Zealand ...	209	621	830	2,632	...	2,632
Grand Total ...	1,781½	1,375¾	3,157¼	22,038½	3,087	25,125½

¹ These columns, as the headings state, should show the number of miles of electric telegraph in each colony, *i.e.*, the number of miles of telegraph line. It is pretty certain, however, that some of the colonies return the number of miles of *wire* instead. This mode of computation causes the colonies which return the miles of line to appear at a disadvantage. In Victoria, at the end of 1874, the number of miles of wire open was 4,464, and 529 miles besides in course of erection.

² By a private company, on a Government guarantee of 5 per cent. upon £650,000.

TABLE IX.—CROWN LANDS ALIENATED, 1874.

Name of Colony.	Area in Statute Acres.	Acres Granted and Sold.			Amount realized on Land Sales.						Extent Unalienated at end of 1874.
		Prior to 1874.	During 1874.	Total.	Total.			Average per Acre.			
					Prior to 1874.	During 1874.	Total.	Prior to 1874.	During 1874.	Total.	
					£	£	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	acres.
Victoria ..	56,446,720	9,401,050	531,583	9,932,633 ¹	16,207,095	579,051	16,786,146	1 14 5½	1 1 9½	1 13 9½	46,514,087
New South Wales ..	208,000,000	14,066,133	2,290,900	16,357,033	7,421,203	1,111,041	8,532,244	0 10 6½	0 9 8½	0 10 5¼	191,642,967
Queensland ..	434,304,000	1,350,538	17,932	1,368,470 ²	1,669,369	39,576	1,708,945	1 4 8½	2 4 1½	1 4 11½	432,935,530
South Australia ..	585,427,200	5,369,634	343,139	5,712,773	5,878,569	205,500	6,084,069	1 1 10¾	0 11 11¾	1 1 3½	579,714,427
Western Australia ..	626,111,323	1,806,643	17,156	1,823,799	*	7,679	*	*	0 8 11½	*	624,287,524
Total ..	1,910,289,243	31,993,998	3,200,710	35,194,708	*	1,942,847	*	*	0 12 1¾	*	1,875,094,535
Tasmania ..	16,777,600	3,905,485	76,518	3,982,003	1,507,652	85,749	1,593,401	0 7 8¾	1 2 5	0 8 0	12,795,597
New Zealand ..	67,200,000	16,526,789	887,380 ³	17,414,169	*	840,471	*	*	0 18 11¼	*	49,785,831
Grand Total	1,994,266,843	52,426,272	4,164,608	56,590,880	*	2,869,067	*	*	0 13 9¼	*	1,937,675,963

¹ These figures do not include land of which the purchase was not completed. According to the Report of the Honorable the Minister of Lands (Parliamentary Papers, No. 16, Session 1875), the total extent alienated from the Crown at the end of 1874 was 15,583,028 acres. This acreage embraced not only the land of which the fee simple had passed to the purchaser, but the area in process of alienation under the system of deferred payments. Portion of the latter might revert to the Crown in consequence of non fulfilment of conditions, &c.

² In addition to the land granted and sold, 3,642,128 acres had, up to the end of 1874, been leased in Queensland upon the "deferred payment system."

³ Of this quantity, 648,800 acres were sold, and 238,580 were otherwise alienated.

* Where asterisks occur, the returns have not been furnished, or are incomplete.

TABLE X.—AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS, 1874-5.—LAND IN CULTIVATION.

* * The Agricultural Statistics in most of the colonies are collected in the months of February and March of each year. The present returns, except those of Queensland, are for those months of 1875. In calculating the ratio of tillage per head, the population on the 31st December 1874 has been taken.

Name of Colony.	Number of Acres under Tillage.		Number of Acres under—									
	Total.	Per Head of Population.	Wheat.	Oats.	Barley.	Maize.	Other Cereals. ¹	Potatoes.	Hay.	Vines.	Green Forage. ²	Other Tillage. ³
Victoria ...	1,011,776	1'25	332,936	114,921	29,505	1,523	17,266	35,183	119,031	4,937	254,329	102,145
New South Wales	464,957	'80	166,912	17,973	3,984	118,437	1,351	13,604	68,088	4,308	40,589	29,711 ⁴
Queensland (1873-4 ⁵)	64,218	'39	3,554	353	588	21,140	178	3,069	5,772	364	1,894	27,306 ⁶
South Australia	1,330,484	6'50	839,638	2,785	13,724	...	...	4,582	160,931	5,051	27,076	276,697
Western Australia	45,292	1'73	23,427	1,067	4,702	88	1,022	329	13,366	779	...	512
Total ...	2,916,727	1'63	1,366,467	137,099	52,503	141,188	19,817	56,767	367,188	15,439	323,888	436,371
Tasmania ...	326,486	3'13	57,633	32,704	5,129	...	5,714	6,978	30,486	...	94,234	93,608
New Zealand ⁸ ...	549,844	1'61	105,674	157,545	16,236	...	...	12,154	62,216	...	...	196,019
Grand Total ...	3,793,057	1'70	1,529,774	327,348	73,868	141,188	25,531	75,899	459,890	15,439	418,122	725,998

¹ Including beans and pease.

² In addition to crops sown for the purpose of being cut green for cattle, this column contains the following areas laid down in permanent artificial grass in the colonies named:—Victoria, 238,043 acres; New South Wales, 33,208 acres; South Australia, 19,260 acres; Tasmania, 93,176 acres.

³ In the returns of some of the colonies this column embraces land in fallow as well as land under crop. The following are the areas in fallow included in the returns of such colonies:—Victoria, 77,912 acres; South Australia, 264,327 acres; Tasmania, 22,512 acres.

⁴ Including 8,540¹/₂ acres under sugar-cane—viz., 4,087 acres productive, and 4,453¹/₂ acres unproductive. The former produced 6,885 tons of sugar.

⁵ The returns of Queensland are for the year 1873-4, those for 1874-5 being incomplete.

⁶ Including sugar-cane, 14,495 acres; cotton, 9,663 acres.

⁷ The green forage in Western Australia is included in the return of hay.

⁸ Exclusive of land under permanent artificial grass, which amounted to 1,393,823 acres.

⁹ The acreage under maize and other cereals in New Zealand is included under the head of "Other Tillage."

¹⁰ The acreage under green forage raised in New Zealand is included in the columns of "Hay" and "Other Tillage."

TABLE XI.—AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS, 1874-5.—PRODUCE OF CROPS.

Name of Colony.	Bushels raised of—					Tons raised of—		Gallons of Wine made.
	Wheat.	Oats.	Barley.	Maize.	Other Cereals. ¹	Potatoes.	Hay.	
Victoria ...	4,850,165	2,121,612	619,896	24,263	333,002	124,310	157,261	577,493
New South Wales	2,148,394	293,135	69,053	3,618,436	20,997	38,564	93,440	684,258
Queensland (1873-4 ²)	82,381	7,060	11,760	845,600	3,560	6,138	11,544	41,479
South Australia ...	9,862,693	40,701	208,373	...	...	17,046	202,934	648,186
Western Australia	281,124	17,072	75,232	1,320	10,220	987	20,049	*
Total ...	17,224,757	2,479,580	984,314	4,489,619	367,779	187,045	485,228	*
Tasmania ...	1,066,861	877,243	125,469	...	112,342	26,169	41,144	...
New Zealand ...	2,974,339	5,548,729	477,162	...	...	63,685	52,202	...
Grand Total	21,265,957	8,905,552	1,586,945	4,489,619	480,121	276,899	578,574	*

Name of Colony.	Bushels per Acre of—					Tons per Acre of—	
	Wheat.	Oats.	Barley.	Maize.	Other Cereals. ¹	Potatoes.	Hay.
Victoria ...	14'57	18'46	21'01	15'90	19'29	3'53	1'32
New South Wales	12'87	16'31	17'33	30'55	15'54	2'83	1'37
Queensland ² ...	23'18	20'00	20'00	40'00	20'00	2'00	2'00
South Australia ...	11'75	14'61	15'18	...	...	3'72	1'26
Western Australia	12'00	16'00	16'00	15'00	10'00	3'00	1'50
Total ...	12'61	18'09	18'75	31'80	18'56	3'29	1'32
Tasmania ...	18'51	26'82	24'46	...	19'66	3'75	1'35
New Zealand ...	28'15	35'22	29'39	...	...	5'24	0'84
Grand Total	13'90	27'21	21'48	31'80	18'81	3'65	1'26

¹ Including beans and pease.

² The returns of Queensland are for the year 1873-4, those for 1874-5 being incomplete.

* Where asterisks occur, the returns have not been furnished, or are incomplete.

TABLE XII.—LIVE STOCK, 1874-5.

*** The Live Stock Statistics in most of the colonies are collected with the Agricultural Statistics in the months of February and March. The present returns, except those of Queensland, are for those months of 1875.

Name of Colony.	Number of—					Total Number of Stock of all Descriptions to the Square Mile.
	Horses.	Cattle.	Sheep.	Pigs.	Total.	
Victoria ¹ ...	180,254	958,658	11,221,036	137,941	12,497,889	141'70
New South Wales ...	346,691	2,856,699	22,872,882	219,958	26,296,230	80'91
Queensland (1873-4 ²) ...	99,243	1,343,093	7,268,946	42,884	8,754,166	12'90
South Australia ...	93,122	185,342	6,120,211	78,019	6,476,694	7'08
Western Australia ...	26,636	46,748	777,861	13,290	864,535	'88
Total ...	745,946	5,390,540	48,260,936	492,092	54,889,514	18'39
Tasmania ...	23,208	110,450	1,714,168 ³	51,468	1,899,294	72'45
New Zealand ...	99,261	494,113	11,674,863	123,741	12,391,978	118'02
Grand Total ...	868,415	5,995,103	61,649,967	667,301	69,180,786	22'20

¹ The returns of Live Stock in Victoria are in all probability under the mark, in consequence of the collectors of statistics being in many cases unable to furnish estimates of the numbers kept in towns and villages, and on allotments of land smaller than those they were required by their instructions to visit personally.

² The returns for Queensland are for the year 1873-4, those for 1874-5 being incomplete.

³ Not including the sheep on islands in Bass's Straits, of which, on the 31st March 1874, there were returned 10,785.

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SUPPLEMENTARY TABLES.

* * When the Australasian Statistics, 1874 (Parliamentary Paper No. 57, Session 1875), were published, the returns of Revenue, Expenditure, and Public Debt were necessarily incomplete, as the figures from New Zealand had not been received. The missing information has since been furnished, and is embodied with that of the other Australasian Colonies in the following tables.

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PUBLIC REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE, 1874.

Name of Colony.	Date on which Financial Year terminates.	Mean Population during Financial Year.	Public Revenue.			Public Expenditure.	Per Head of Mean Population.		
			Raised by Taxation. ¹	Not raised by Taxation.	Total.		Taxation.	Total Revenue.	Expenditure.
			£	£	£	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Victoria ...	30th June ²	789,438	1,896,842	2,209,948	4,106,790	4,177,338	2 8 0 ³ / ₄	5 4 0 ¹ / ₂	5 5 10
New South Wales	31st Dec.	572,277	1,217,401	2,292,565	3,509,966	2,939,227	2 2 6 ¹ / ₂	6 2 8	5 2 8 ³ / ₄
Queensland ...	31st Dec.	155,104	552,758	608,189	1,160,947	1,121,710	3 11 3 ¹ / ₄	7 9 8 ¹ / ₂	7 4 7 ³ / ₄
South Australia	31st Dec.	201,349	370,440	633,380	1,003,820	1,051,622	1 16 9 ¹ / ₂	4 19 8 ¹ / ₂	5 4 5 ¹ / ₂
Western Australia	31st Dec.	25,985	82,275	65,798	148,073	143,266	3 3 4	5 13 11 ¹ / ₂	5 10 3 ¹ / ₄
Total ...	...	1,744,153	4,119,716	5,809,880	9,929,596	9,433,163	2 7 3	5 13 10 ¹ / ₄	5 8 2
Tasmania ...	31st Dec.	104,197	215,233	112,692	327,925	374,078	2 1 3 ³ / ₄	3 2 11 ¹ / ₄	3 11 9 ¹ / ₂
New Zealand ...	31st Dec.	318,903	1,294,276	1,769,535	3,063,811	3,035,711 ³	4 1 2	9 12 1 ³ / ₄	9 10 4 ¹ / ₂
Grand Total	...	2,167,253	5,629,225	7,692,107	13,321,332	12,842,952	2 11 11 ¹ / ₂	6 2 11 ¹ / ₄	5 18 6 ¹ / ₄

¹ The amounts in this column are made up of Customs duties, exclusive of duties on the export of gold, drawbacks, &c.; also of excise duties, including licenses imposed for revenue purposes; stamps, other than those for fees of office; legacy, succession, and probate duties; property or income taxes; and any other imposts, payable to the General Government, levied distinctly as a tax; but excluding fees, charges, and licenses for special services rendered.

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³ Including £75,000 expended on the redemption of Treasury Bills.

PUBLIC DEBT, 1874.

Name of Colony.					On the 31st December.		
					Estimated Population.	Total Amount of Public Debt.	Indebtedness per Head of Population.
						£	£ s. d.
Victoria ...	...	...	...	...	808,437	13,990,553 ¹	17 6 1 ¹ / ₄
New South Wales	...	...	...	...	584,278	10,516,371	17 19 11 ³ / ₄
Queensland	...	...	...	...	163,517	5,253,286	32 2 6 ¹ / ₂
South Australia	...	...	...	...	204,623	2,989,750	14 12 2 ³ / ₄
Western Australia	...	...	...	...	26,209	119,000	4 10 9 ³ / ₄
Total ...	...	...	...	...	1,787,064	32,868,960	18 7 10 ¹ / ₄
Tasmania ...	...	...	...	...	104,176	1,476,700	14 3 6
New Zealand	...	...	...	...	341,860	13,366,936 ²	39 2 0 ¹ / ₄
					2,233,100	47,712,596	21 7 3 ³ / ₄

¹ According to the Treasurer's finance statement 1874-5, the Public Debt of Victoria amounted on the 30th June 1875 to £13,992,583.

² The "Accrued Sinking Funds" at this date amounted to £958,001. According to the published financial statement of the Colonial Treasurer of New Zealand, the "Net Public Debt" on the 30th June 1875 was £16,596,459.